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Bill Storm  
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Subject: 501 Shepard Road - Xcel Energy Site Permit for the High Bridge Repowering Project  
Natural Gas-Fired 2 on 1 Combined Cycle Power Plant  
MEQB Docket No. 05-91-PPS

Dear Mr. Storm:

The City of St. Paul acknowledges the authority of the State, granted by Minn. Stat. 116C, regarding the siting and permitting of large electric power generator plants. The City also acknowledges its own obligations in ensuring that developments are consistent with our comprehensive plan and with applicable local, state and federal regulatory requirements. Recognizing that these obligations and development objectives are of mutual concern to both the State and local authorities, the City of St. Paul is requesting consideration, by the Public Utilities Commission, that the following conditions be placed on the Xcel Energy Site Permit:

1. Prior to commencement of any construction or land disturbance activity for the referenced facility, Xcel Energy shall obtain approval of the site plan from the City of Saint Paul and shall comply with applicable requirements of the City's Legislative Code and the City's adopted Mississippi River Corridor Comprehensive Plan, to the extent that these city's regulations and plans do not conflict with state or federal regulations.
2. The design for the plant construction shall comply with the Minnesota State Building Code. Construction plans and specification shall be submitted to the City of St Paul for review and construction work performed under a building permit issued by the City of Saint Paul's Office of License Inspection and Environmental Protection.

The new plant represents a great opportunity to enhance the appearance of the City's river front and to improve the condition of this critical environmental area. The City of Saint Paul looks forward to working with Xcel Energy and the Public Utilities Commission on this project. If there are any questions, please call Larry Zangs from my office at 651/266-9109.

Sincerely,

Thomas Riddering, P.E.  
Building Official - LIEP

cc: Janeen Rosas, Larry Zangs, Robert Sandquist, Robert Berschied